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Brooke Gets OK For Singapore

(By "Paul Pry")
"My passport has been unconditionally endorsed for Singapore and the Malayan Union," Mr. Anthony Brooke, "Rajah Muda of Sarawak," told me yesterday afternoon. He will be leaving the Colony in the ss. "Tjibadak," probably on Thursday.

This does not, of course, mean that permission has been granted him to return to Sarawak, but, as he said with a happy smile yesterday, "It's a step in the right direction!"

Since his arrival in Hong Kong last Wednesday, the name of this 34-year-old Englishman, who would probably have been the next Rajah of Sarawak had he not lost his independent status and become a Crown Colony, has come into even greater prominence and an excited 2-day debate raged in Parliament over the unusual steps taken by the British Government to prevent his returning to Sarawak, where he wishes to find out whether or not his cession met with the wishes of the native people themselves.

Yesterday, he sent the following telegram to the presidents of the Malay National Union and the Dyak Association of Sarawak, who challenge the legality of the cession and, claiming to represent the wishes of the majority of the natives of Sarawak, want independence restored with the Brooke influence preserved as hitherto, and who jointly invited him to return to the country and conduct investigations on the spot.

"While sending you all best seasonal wishes I take this opportunity of reiterating the view that we must in the future as in the past together exert our influence to ensure that those of your communities who may have differences with the Government will as good and law-abiding citizens express those differences constitutionally and in accordance with the laws of the State."

Statement In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 23.
The Government of Malaya today officially lifted the ban barring Mr. Anthony Brooke from entering Singapore and the Malayan Union, but added: "This does not affect in any way the decision to exclude him from Sarawak."—United Press.

JAP QUAKE TOLL STILL RISING

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
A new official toll of 2,206 dead and missing in Saturday's earthquake and tidal waves was reported today by the Japanese Home Ministry, which listed 1,026 as dead and 1,180 missing.

Japanese reports from Kochi, Shikoku Island, credited Japanese scientists with issuing a local warning that all possible precautions must be taken against another quake for at least another week, although the danger of further tidal waves could be discounted, unless another shock similar in magnitude to Saturday's should occur.

Fifty aftershock shocks were recorded in Osaka yesterday, of which three were strong enough to be felt by the human body. "Shouts of 'tidal wave' from terror-stricken men and women groping in the dark caused pandemonium at Shinjoh," said a refugee from Wakayama, a coastal town, who reached Osaka late Saturday.

"End Of World"

Tomomatsu Nishimura, who was visiting the town, said he thought "the end of the world was approaching" as the tidal wave struck "with a horrifying roar and in an instant turned the town into a sea of mud and debris."

Six powerful waves which rose from the sub-sea quake centre, beached or swept to sea 2,080 vessels.

In Tokyo, 500 vessels up to 25 tons were cut from their moorings, carried across the seawall and hurled into water.

ULTIMATUM TO U.S. WARSHIP

Soviet Order To Leave Port In 20 Minutes

Navy In Incident At Dairen

(By William H. Newton)
(Scripps Howard correspondent representing combined world press)

Dairen, Dec. 20.
A United States Navy ship pulled out of the port of Dairen this afternoon after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military officials to the effect that "unless you leave within 20 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences."

Previously the Russian military commander in charge of the city had flatly refused to permit an American businessman with full clearance from the United States authorities to debark from a ship. Also denied permission to land were two American newspapermen (William H. Newton, correspondent for Scripps Howard, and Mark Kauffman, photographer for Life Magazine) representing the combined world press.

The vessel—LCI 1090—was on her second courier mission to Dairen carrying diplomatic mail and supplies to the United States consulate in Dairen. In view of the fact that details of the first trip had been revealed to the press two correspondents were permitted to take passage this trip by Admiral Charles Cooke, Jr., Commander of the Seventh Fleet, in order to be present in the event their going ashore would meet with approval of the local authorities and with assurances that they would comply with local regulations. Admiral Cooke had ruled that no photographs could be taken without the consent of local officials. No advance notice of the presence of the correspondents on board had been given.

The ship arrived in Dairen on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 18, and requested permission to remain in port for 48 hours. This was accepted without comment by the Soviet authorities who met the ship at the anchorage. The ship remained in harbour two additional hours while the United States Consul General, Mr. H. Merrill Benninghoff, attempted a last minute appeal to the Soviet military authorities to permit the American businessman, Mr. Jesse L. Poole, representing the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, to go ashore and it was at this point that the Soviet ultimatum was delivered.

Ordered Out

The Soviets ordered the ship to leave despite the fact that neither the diplomatic courier nor the commanding officer of the ship were aboard. They were at the American Consulate awaiting the result of Benninghoff's final appeal to the Soviet commander and arrived on board only at the very moment of the ship's departure.

The Russian military commander of the city, Major General V. U. Korzhanoff, refused to see the American Consul General, however, and the ultimatum was delivered to the ship by one of his military aides.

When Benninghoff called at the Soviet commander's home to appeal against the decision banning three Americans from Dairen he was left standing in the bitterly cold street while a sentry carried his request inside. After some time the Consul was told that General Korzhanoff was not available.

Benninghoff had previously called on the Soviet Consul General, S. N. Petrov, to inquire why American citizens were not allowed ashore. Petrov replied that the matter was in the hands of the Soviet military authorities. He said authorisations for such must come from Moscow.

Third Time

The refusal today was the third rebuff the American Consul General received from the Soviet military during the American ship's brief visit to Dairen. Yesterday Benninghoff asked the Soviet diplomatic authorities to forward his request that the three Americans be permitted ashore to the proper military officials. No reply was received. Today the Consul General visited General Korzhanoff's office but was informed the Soviet commander was "not in town." Benninghoff then called at the Russian commander's home and was again turned away. The Russian commander was in his home when the American Consul General called, it has been learned.

Dairen is completely under Soviet Red Army control. The local Soviet-appointed Chinese mayor is a figurehead who was not even advised by the Soviets that an American ship had arrived. "Had I known you were coming I would have been at the dock to greet you," he said. Armed Chinese police under Soviet direction and control paced the docks day and night preventing anyone coming aboard or going ashore unless possessed of a Soviet pass.

Several of the ship's officers and the diplomatic courier, Harris H. Ball, were permitted ashore by the Soviets.

No Arms

The Soviet ultimatum to leave port was delivered to the ship by a Red Army major who stated he was a personal representative of Korzhanoff. Ensign Tilghman B. Koons, who speaks Russian, interpreted for the senior Navy officer aboard.

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WAR BRIDE'S QUADS

Baltimore, Dec. 23.
Mrs. Dorothy Hena, aged 28, a British war bride, today gave birth to quadruplets—three boys and a girl.

The mother and the four babies survived an "exceptionally painful and normal" birth.—United Press.

Perfidious Uncle Sam, John Bull?

London, Dec. 22.

The "Radio Moscow" commentator Balacev, in an English language broadcast today, accused the United States and Britain of drawing up trusteeship drafts for former German and Japanese possessions "with an eye to military purposes."

Balacev said the drafts which Britain submitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council for former German colonies in Africa were closely linked with a plan which he described as new British strategy in which Africa figured very largely.

He said Britain could fortify trusteeship territories without the sanction of the Security Council. He also said the American trusteeship agreement over the former Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific was similarly dictated by military purposes.—United Press.

Devil's Island In East Indies

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Dutch and Indonesian war prisoners were packed like herrings in Japanese "hell camps" in the Netherlands East Indies, and Tarakan was turned into a Devil's Island, according to evidence in the war crimes court here introduced by the Netherlands associate prosecutor, Lt. Col. J. S. S. Damste.

An Indonesian doctor, Tan Eng Dhong, in an affidavit said that Japanese punishments drove many prisoners to despair and made them mental and physical wrecks.

He said the men worked under "bestial conditions," half-naked, with shaven heads, under the tropical sun, pounding out airfields for the Japanese.

When Allied bombers struck Japanese-held positions, he said, the Japanese lost their heads and "drove us to work like madmen."

Lt. Col. Damste introduced a series of other documents detailing the bayonet massacre of 215 prisoners near Tarakan and also produced evidence describing the slaying, in October 1943, of the Governor of Dutch Borneo, ten officials and four women "after a so-called trial."

Affidavits also alleged: Many were tortured into signing false confessions; 1,000 Indonesians were brutally executed at Mandor; 240 were killed in Sungai and Durian; 100 were killed in Katapang during the Japanese reign of terror; many well-to-do Chinese and Indonesians and some Dutch officials were maltreated and killed.

Lt. Col. Nicholas D.J. Read, Collins of London, formerly staff officer of the Indian Airborne Division, who was charged with distributing food among former prisoners, on the witness stand said he found conditions in the East Indies camps "revolting," the very opposite of "bushido"—the spirit of the Japanese warrior.

He said speaking to survivors was like "talking to men who had died a long time ago."

Women Tortured

Evidence showed the Japanese subjected Allied women internees and prisoners of war to beatings and the water cure as well as captured Allied men.

Morocco Trouble Ahead?

London, Dec. 22.

Diplomatic sources reported today that Arab Nationalists were preparing to demand that Sultan Sidi Mohammed of Morocco be restored to full sovereignty over all his territory, including the international zone of Tangier and all of French and Spanish Morocco.

Sources said the demand might be formally made when the "Big Four" move to establish a permanent regime in Tangier, which is expected when the Spanish situation is settled and if the United Nations' efforts to unseat the Franco regime are successful.

In August, 1945, the "Big Four" at Paris set up a temporary Tangier regime, nominally effective for six months. The regime took over on October 1 last year, but partly due to conditions, no move has been made to set up a permanent administration.

The Arab League Secretariat at Cairo was recently approached by Arabs from Spanish and French Morocco concerning independence. The Spanish Morocco Reform Party asked the Arab states to place the problems before the United Nations.

Informants said any move by the "Big Four" to set up the proposed permanent regime in Tangier might be used by the Arabs to make a bid for Moroccan independence.

The Sultan of Morocco now lives in the French Zone.—United Press.

MESSAGE TO COLONIES

The following is the text of a Christmas message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Creech Jones):
"On the Festival of Christmas, it is customary to remember and greet our relations and friends. The circle of the British territories overseas is a wide one, and I would like, not merely because it is customary, to send to all the peoples for which the Colonial Office has some responsibility a message of warm and sincere greetings. We belong to many creeds and races, yet we live harmoniously together despite the infinite diversity of the countries and peoples in the Colonial Empire and in this lies much hope and inspiration for the world as a whole. With this thought in mind, I send you my best wishes for your happiness and prosperity in 1947."

Canton Depression

Canton, Dec. 23.

Despite the recent depreciation of Chinese national currency in terms of American and Hong Kong dollars, commodity prices here have not gone up. On the contrary, the price of rice which is a standard basis of the cost of living, has become slightly cheaper during the past several days.

The only exception is rent, which has been going up steadily for the past three months, although the city authorities are attempting to check excessive increases.

An official denied in Nanking that the much-heralded Sun currency would be used next year gives some relief here. Financial circles pointed out some time ago that a new currency would not help unless there were ample gold reserve and until inflation came to a full stop.

Although outwardly Canton is gay and prosperous with increasing neon lights after dark, the depression is being felt more and more in commercial quarters. However, hotels, restaurants and theatres are holding their own.

For fear that rice prices will go up thereby setting up the cost of living, provincial authorities are making an attempt to check smuggling of rice outside of Kwangtung principally from Tungkwon and Taiping on the lower reaches of the East River. Most of them find their way to Hong Kong and some to Macao.

In most places in Kwangtung, harvesting is completed. Results are deemed satisfactory. The Kwangtung Provincial Government has secured the permission of Kwangsi, Fukien and Kiangsi to ship rice to this province.—Associated Press.

ATROCITIES IN INDO-CHINA

Hanoi, Dec. 23.

French military authorities announced that 29 French civilians, including 11 women, had been slain by Viet Namese during the fighting in Hanoi and said that other civilians were missing and perhaps dead. The announcement asserted that the bodies of the 29 listed slain had been brutally mutilated, and that four apparently had been burned to death.

The hearts were cut from some of the victims and others were found with daggers planted in their eyes, the French declared.

The French reported they had the situation in hand in all towns in Northern Indo-China where the fighting occurred but declared mopping up operations are being carried out slowly in Hanoi to avoid unnecessary casualties and property damage. Many European homes in Hanoi already have been looted and burned by the Viet Namese who shelled the city with field guns and made several attacks on the French positions.

The French acknowledged the Viet Namese captured the Pasteur Institute building and said the French warden and his family had been kidnapped.

Conflict Spreading

In Northern Indo-China several Viet Namese attacks were reported repulsed at Namdinh, Haiduong and Phulanhthuoy. The small harbour at Hongay, coal centre 80 miles east of Hanoi, was reported entirely under French control, though the Viet Namese are preparing to attack.

An Associated Press dispatch from Saigon reported violent fighting at Hue, with the conflict spreading in Indo-China.

Most of the French civilians were said to have escaped, but some French towns still were reported not cleared of the Viet Namese.

The semi-official French News Agency said that at least 50 French soldiers were killed and 150 wounded.

A state of siege has been proclaimed for Tonkin and northern Annam by the French authorities.

A dispatch from Hanoi said that the French simultaneously warned natives that anyone not in uniform—but found carrying firearms, would be shot.

"Any house that fails to fly a white flag will be searched," the French authorities added. "Any house from which shots are fired will be attacked."—Associated Press.

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Burmese Going To London

Rangoon, Dec. 23.

Reliable sources said today that the anti-fascist People's Freedom League has decided to accept the British Government invitation to participate in the Burma constitutional discussions.

The decision was reached on Sunday night during a meeting at the AFPFL headquarters following the return of Aung San.

It is understood the delegation which would leave for London about the first week of January would include U Ba Pe (Minister of Commerce and Supply), U Tin Tut (Finance Minister), Thakin Ba Sein (President of the Socialist Party and Minister of Transport and Communications), the former Premier U Saw who is at present in India undergoing eye treatment, and Aung San.—United Press.

Ellen McAdoo Dead

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.

The death occurred today of Ellen Wilson McAdoo, 32, granddaughter of President Woodrow Wilson, from what the police said was an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The twice-divorced daughter of the late Senator William G. McAdoo was known to have been dependent over financial and family troubles the past fortnight and had been threatening to take her own life.

A friend told the police that Ellen McAdoo had telephoned him and said "I've just done it." He immediately rushed to her apartment and found her unconscious.

Ellen at one time was the White House favourite when her grandfather was President.—United Press.

P.A.A. ROUTE

Manila, Dec. 23.

Pan-American Airways reported the testing of a new trans-Pacific communications system this week, preparatory to an early resumption of air transport service from the United States to the Orient.

The line suspended operations west of Honolulu last October, due to the lack of air communications and navigation aids in western Pacific, but since then they have been building their own network with the help of the United States Navy.—Associated Press.

FEAT CHAIRMAN

Manila, Dec. 23.

Miguel Cuaderno, Secretary of Finance, was unanimously elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Far Eastern Air Transport, Incorporated, at the meeting of directors.

Mr. Cuaderno is representative for Philippine Government interests in the company, which are held through the National Development Company—a Government-owned company.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China is moving eastward. A deep depression to the E of Hokkaido is moving northward. From it a trough extends south and southward in a series of waves. A depression appears to be forming SSE of the Bonin Islands. Pressure is relatively low over the Southern Philippines and over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate easterly winds onshore; fresh or strong SE winds offshore; cloudy generally.

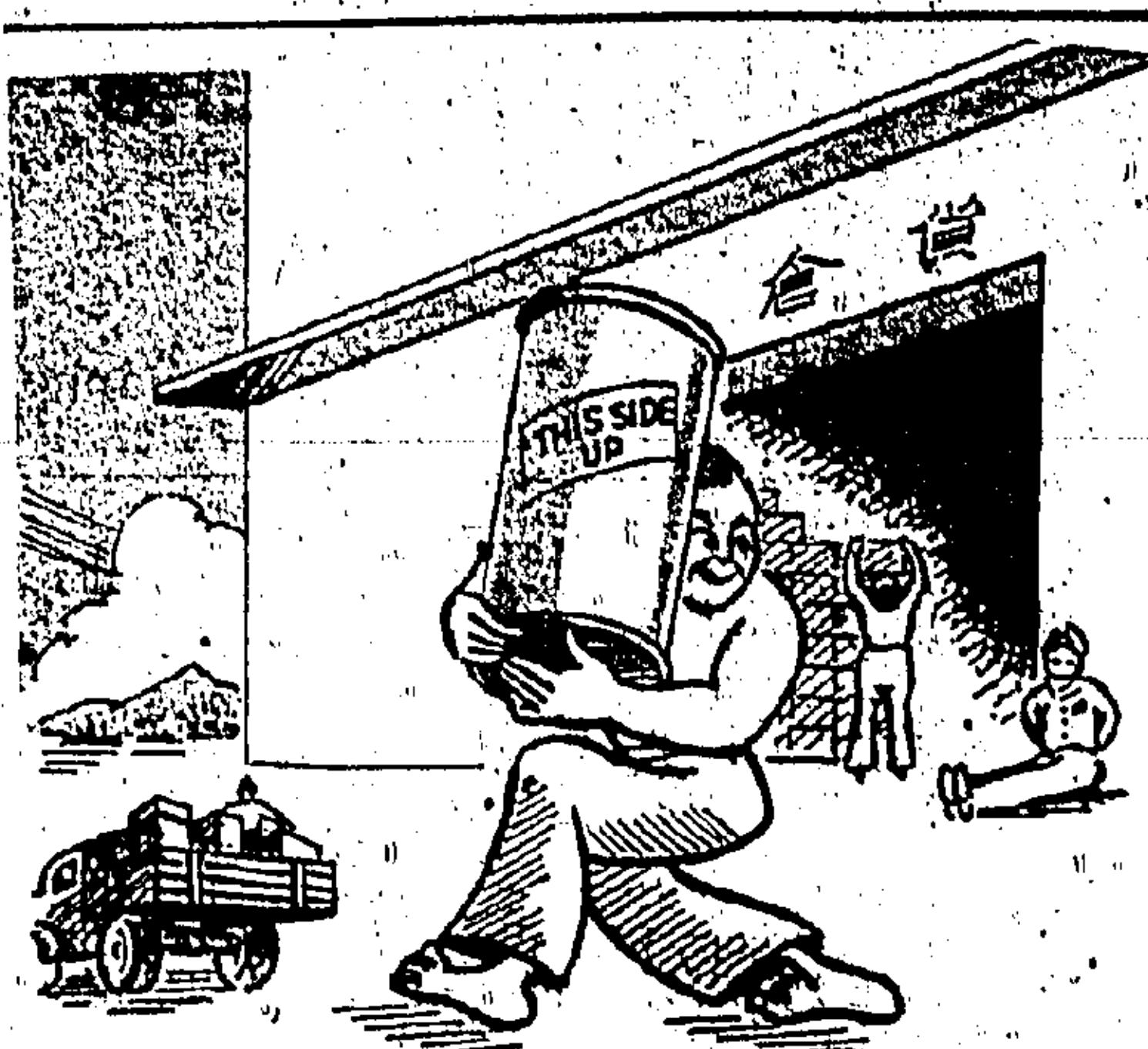
Yesterday's weather:—Maximum: 34.5 deg. Fah. Minimum: 24.5 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 85%. Sunshine: 2.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

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Hotel Partners' Dispute

A legal dispute between seven partners of the Stag Hotel, 148-50 Queen's Road, Central, over the management of the establishment was heard in a Full Court of Appeal by Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday.

This was the sequel to an appeal lodged by five of the seven partners against a decision rendered earlier by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Judge in Chambers.

Appellants were Li Tzu-chiu, Li Kiu-po, Ho Chup-suen, Wong Chan-shi, and Tong King-fong.

Respondents were Ngor Chuk-kam and Kan Chi-ping.

Instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi appeared for appellants and Mr. Leo d'Almada for respondents.

Mr. Bernacchi appealed on behalf of respondents against the decision of Mr. Justice Williams for a receiver and manager for the Stag Hotel, the partnership of which was previously known as Moon Kee, but now was Hop Kee.

Mr. d'Almada contended that the old partnership was dissolved in 1943 and the present organisation was an entirely different one.

Mr. Bernacchi denied that it was an entirely new concern under the name of Hop Kee and that appellants were not entitled to seek the appointment of a receiver and manager.

Mr. Bernacchi said second defendant did not oppose the appellants' original application. The first defendant denied that Li Kiu-po was a partner at any time but admitted that the others were previously partners of the Moon Kee and were now of the Hop Kee.

The hearing was adjourned to Jan. 4.

WIVES' LIST

The following names have been added to the wives' priority list: 95G—Christina Elizabeth Taylor, 149R—Ludmila Nicolas Bourne, 163C—Gwendoline Beatrice Denson, 187A—Stella Stuart Johnson.

JOURNALIST'S EVIDENCE AT TOKUNAGA TRIAL

Testifying at yesterday's War Crimes Trial of Colonel Tokunaga and four other POW Camp Officers, Lieut. Col. S. R. Kerr, journalist attached to War Crimes Investigation Team, said that the Japanese became nervous and excited during air raids, with the result that slappings and beatings were frequent on these occasions.

Another witness, Mr. G. A. V. Hall, architect employed by the P.W.D., said that POWs were engaged in the digging of tunnels at Homuntin and that while they did not suffer any physical injuries, they suffered from the thought of becoming entombed at any time.

Cross-examined, Eugene Mak said that he actually saw Red Cross parcels being taken away by Tokunaga and other Japanese. On the basis of information given to him by members of the Paymaster's staff, Mak said that he was able to say that 60 per cent of the Red Cross parcels were taken away.

Canadian "Sweet Corn" cigarettes were being sold by hawkers in the streets.

Mak said that he could not remember the name of the shop run by Nimori and Abe, but knew that it was at the junction of Austin and Nathan Roads, Kowloon.

From tinned goods, cigarettes from Red Cross parcels were also sold in this shop. Formosan guards employed at POW Headquarters informed him that the shop was run by Nimori and Abe.

By chatting with the amahs, he learnt that Red Cross parcels were taken to the shop in Tokunaga's car.

The order to burn POW mail came to Nimori through Tanaka. Mak said he was checking the POW mail when Nimori told him about this order.

There were written orders from Tokunaga fixing the number of words for incoming and outgoing mail.

Most Starving

Lieut. Col. Kerr said that he was taken prisoner-of-war at Stanley on the fall of Hong Kong and was interned at different camps in the Colony.

He had spent a number of years in Japan before the war and was able to speak Japanese. At Stanley, he was the only Officer who was able to speak Japanese. At North Point, another Japanese-speaking officer joined them.

Describing the food conditions at Shamshui, Lieut. Col. Kerr said that they were appalling. The rations were very bad and most of the POWs were starving.

In Feb. 1942 a Japanese Intendence Officer came and inspected the Camp. Colonel Tokunaga was present with Major-General Malby.

While walking round the Camp, this Intendence Officer asked questions about the food and Lieut. Col. Kerr said that he told this Officer plainly what the conditions were. The Officer then turned round and spoke to one of his junior officers, saying that the food situation had to be improved and that POWs were to get more meat. Lieut. Col. Kerr said that Tokunaga was walking ahead at the time.

Very Difficult

Within two days, a considerable improvement took place and more meat and fresh vegetables were supplied. This only lasted for about two weeks, however, and conditions then returned to their old state.

Lieut. Col. Kerr said that he saw this Intendence Officer on two occasions, once at Shamshui and once at Arkyie Street. They were not allowed to speak to him at Arkyie Street.

As far as he knew, Lieut. Col. Kerr said, the only medical supplies at Shamshui Camp were those brought in by POW Medical Officers themselves. They were constantly asking the medical orderly for medicines and hospital supplies as Saito seldom came. Whenever he had an opportunity of doing so, he applied to Saito for medical supplies. Saito's general attitude in regard to these requests was: "It is very difficult."

Lieut. Col. Kerr said that he usually came into contact with Tokunaga when the latter carried out inspections or entertained friends by taking them round the Camp. He joined the procession and was at the back.

Promises Only

POWs were never afforded any opportunity of making complaints or asking for things direct to Tokunaga. Frequent requests were made to Tokunaga regarding supplies, verbally through witnesses, and sometimes in the form of letters from Major-General Malby.

The letters were written and handed over to the Camp Commandant. Weekly conferences were held at which Tanaka was present. At these conferences, requests

were made and everything written down. Tokunaga was not present. The results to requests were always the same—POWs received nothing; sometimes promises were made that something would be done.

The duty of the Camp Commandant appeared to consist of attending roll calls and inspecting Camp. His job was to "look over POWs," he seemed to have but limited authority and it appeared that all matters had to be referred to a senior officer. Tanaka seemed to have no control over the guards.

The Japanese guards used to get very excited when air raids took place and a lot of trouble occurred. POWs had to get in their huts and sit on the floor and things were very difficult.

On many occasions, there were slappings and ill-treatment because a sentry would stand and yell out to a POW who, not understanding what was being said, did not obey the order. After several beatings during the excitement of an air raid, strong protests were also made to Tanaka. As a result, two interpreters were allowed to stay outside the huts during an air raid. Lieut. Col. Kerr remembered an occasion when an air raid took place at about 9 o'clock at night in the middle of 1943.

There was a great deal of excitement and he had his face slapped by one of the sentries, while many other POWs were beaten up and bayoneted.

Slappings were not only confined to air raids. They went on day after day. During an air raid, the Japanese were nervous and excited.

There were a number of POWs suffering from beri-beri and pellagra. A number of cases of ulcers also occurred which required operation. When patients needed an operation, application was made at once through the guard to Saito. On several occasions, Saito did allow a party to go down to the Indian Military Hospital, about a quarter of a mile away, but he would not allow extra bearers to accompany the stretchers. Only four POWs were allowed to carry the patient, including the doctor who had to perform the operation.

Saito Drunk

Saito refused to remove ulcer cases to Bowen Road Hospital for operation.

On one occasion he refused to permit a patient to go to the Indian Military Hospital and the operation had to be carried out on a wooden table in the corner of the hut used as a hospital.

Lieut. Col. Kerr was informed by the Japanese interpreter next day that Saito was drunk at the time when application was made for the patient's removal to hospital.

Lieut. Austin was only allowed to enter hospital after some considerable time. He spoke to the interpreter, Matsuda, regarding the condition of Lieut. Austin.

Empty Tins

In 1943, Lieut. Col. Kerr saw empty tins at the back of the POW Hqs. at Fortar Street. The tins were dated "1942" and could not have been imported into the Colony before the war. Working parties which went out to clean up the ground behind the Fortar Street Hqs. brought back the tins as evidence.

Answering questions by the Court, Lieut. Col. Kerr said that the guards seemed to be under the command of an officer from Hqs. whom POWs never saw. The guards were entirely independent. Until six months before the end of the war, the discipline as between Japanese soldiers and their officers was very good and the same as before the war.

On one occasion after two or three sentries had done a lot of beating up, the matter was brought to the notice of Tanaka at a meeting. The sentries were brought in. Tanaka could do nothing but promised to report to his Headquarters. Lieut. Col. Kerr never saw any guard disobey an order from Tanaka.

POWs were struck by guards in the presence of Tanaka, although he had not given any order.

Working Parties

Lieut. Col. Kerr understood that the order to stay inside huts during an air raid came from Hqs. If a bomb landed a short distance away from the huts, the damage would have been tremendous, because the huts were built of wood. The huts and the people in them would have suffered.

It would not have been possible to dig air raid shelters in Arkyie Street, but it would have been possible to do so at Shamshui.

Requests were made for permission to do this, but the Camp Commandant said that the matter would have to be referred to higher authority. The result was that POWs were not allowed to build air raid shelters.

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"These baths were seldom used due to the lack of firewood," he told the Court.

FOOD COSTS

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending December 21:		
Rice, 100 lbs. @ 1.20	120.00	
Vegetables, 100 lbs. @ 1.50	150.00	
Meat, 100 lbs. @ 2.00	200.00	
Oil, 100 lbs. @ 1.00	100.00	
Salt, 100 lbs. @ 0.50	50.00	
Tea, 100 lbs. @ 0.20	20.00	
Spice, 100 lbs. @ 0.10	10.00	
Other, 100 lbs. @ 0.05	5.00	
Total	655.00	

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Girl Shot

Mr. Hall said that there were also two Chinese tenement houses which were used to store Red Cross parcels. Towards the latter part of Feb. 1945, personal parcels for the Canadian POWs were also stored in these two buildings.

They were there for quite some time before being distributed to the Canadians. Prior to their distribution, Tokunaga, Wada and the Camp Sergeant Major went through the parcels. When they came out, the sentries each had a large parcel under their arms, and Tokunaga and the others also had parcels.

Mr. Hall said that in Feb. or March 1942, he witnessed the shooting of a young Chinese girl by the sentry. The girl was collecting shell fish on the beach and two shots were fired, one at point blank range. A small boy who was with the girl scampered away.

On another occasion, a Chinese of the labourer-type was brought into Camp with his hands tied behind his back. He was taken out to the bamboo pier, bayoneted, pushed over the side and then shot.

On numerous other occasions, Mr. Hall said, he saw Chinese women tied to the lamp posts opposite Camp. They were there the next morning.

Very Dangerous

At Kai Tak, POWs were required to demolish two Chinese villages, level them down and fill up the hollows. They also had to pull down a hill which was sacred to the Chinese.

At Aberdeen, POWs were employed in transporting 250-kilo grammes bombs from Brick Hill to the R.G.C. wharf, to await transportation during the night.

Working parties were employed at Lai Chi Kok to clean up the debris caused during air raids. POWs were required to fill up 50-gallon petrol drums from the undamaged tanks.

The same sort of work had to be performed at the Texaco installation, Tsim Wan. On one occasion, the Americans came over and bombed them, but fortunately no one was hurt.

At Homuntin, POWs were used to dig tunnels on the slope near the Diocesan Boys' School. Mr. Hall told one of the Japanese N.C.O.s that the tunnels were very dangerous, but he was ordered to go ahead and dig. From time to time there were collapses. The tunnels were not shored up very satisfactorily.

One morning, the POWs found one of the tunnel entrances had collapsed. Mr. Hall was told that Chinese labourers were entombed inside.

POWs had to work in these tunnels in all kinds of weather. They did not suffer any physical injuries, but suffered from the thought of becoming entombed at any time.

Ration Cut

Regarding collective punishment, the whole Camp was taken out to meet, Mr. Hall said that one day the main parade ground after the morning muster and not dismissed until 5.45 p.m. Mr. Hall found out later that the huts had been searched. They had been kept out on the parade ground under a boiling sun without anything to eat.

About the middle of April, 1942, after the escape of three Officers and one N.C.O. all outside parcels were stopped and so was the Canteen. Food rations were cut down to a minimum.

Mr. E.H.A. Newton, Manager of Nippon, said that he was taken prisoner-of-war at Stanley and subsequently transferred to Shamshui Camp, where he remained until he was drafted to Japan. While at Shamshui, he saw Chinese being ill-treated by the Japanese sentries on numerous occasions.

Chinese civilians were brought into Camp with their hands tied

Noma Trial To-Day

The trial begins today at the War Crimes Court, East Point, of Colonel Noma Kennosuke, head of the Japanese Gendarmerie in Hong Kong during the occupation.

Noma is charged with committing a war crime "in that he at Hong Kong between Dec. 25, 1941 and Jan. 18, 1945, as head of the Kempetai and as such responsible for public order, the control of Kempetai personnel and for the management of places of detention, at Hong Kong aforesaid, was, in violation of the laws and usages of war, concerned in the ill-treatment of civilian residents, as a result of which numbers of them died or were unlawfully killed by members of the Japanese Forces, and many others underwent physical sufferings."

behind their backs, made to kneel and then four-gallon kerosene tins were placed on their heads. They usually remained in this position for indefinite periods and when released, were doused with cold water. This was almost a daily occurrence. The Chinese had nothing to do with the POWs and there was no apparent reason why they should be treated in such a manner.

The ill-treatment of Chinese civilians did not take place when any Japanese Officer visited Camp. When a high ranking officer such as Tokunaga visited the Camp, efforts were made in Camp to see that everything was in "Apple pie" order.

Canadians Shot

Mr. Fujita, for the defence, created some amusement in Court when he asked what Mr. Newton meant by "Apple pie" order. The President explained and Mr. Fujita expressed satisfaction.

The last witness to be called yesterday was Nimori Genichiro, who is at present undergoing a 15-year sentence at Stanley Prison.

Nimori said that he was an interpreter attached to the Japanese Army and recollected having been present at the interrogation of four Canadians at Fortar Street. Apart from Capt. Karada, Nimori said that he could not remember anybody else being present. Nimori said that he was present for just a few minutes and that the Canadians did not remain for more than five or six minutes. They were then handed over to the Gendarmerie.

Nimori said that he understood the Canadians were shot at King's Park. He was taken by Major Puddicombe to look for the bodies. Tokunaga, Tanaka and Saito were also present. Saito pointed out the spot where the bodies were located.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

Fixed Prices For Tailoring

Members of the public who have been in England during the last few years will be aware of the Utility System which has provided cheap and good quality clothing and other commodities to the consumer while allowing the retailer to sell superior quality articles at higher prices.

An agreement has been made between the Price Controller and the Chinese Tailors Guild, that all members of the Guild will be prepared to "cut, trim and make" European type woollen suits at a price not exceeding \$130 provided the customer supplies the cutting material. The tailor provides all linings, buttons and threads as part of the price of \$130. Tailors will also adopt the maximum price of \$130 for the cutting, trimming and making of suits for which the tailor also sells the suit length at an agreed price.

The price of \$130 is for "A" grade workmanship and the Tailors Guild has agreed to charge \$120 for cut, trim and make where "B" grade workmanship is employed. The linings, buttons and thread will be the same in all cases.

"A" grade shops employ "A" grade workers only and "B" grade shops employ "B" grade workers only. The Tailors Guild has classified its members shops into "A" and "B" grade shops and agreed that this classification will be prominently displayed by members.

It has been agreed that, provided the tailors will make suits of good quality at the above price for any one who wishes, the tailors may charge higher prices for superior suits if requested by the customer.

SMART DETECTIVE

Keen observation of a Chinese detective resulted in the arrest of a young Chinese, Law Fat, with three hand grenades tied to his thighs.

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Law was sentenced to two years' hard labour for unlawful possession of arms.

Detective Sub-Inspector Saul prosecuted.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel:— L. E. Peterson, C. Rogers, M. Carlo, H. C. M. Laurens, T. K. Chen, E. H. Muller, R. E. Chukhank, Major K. Stuart Campbell and Capt. and Mrs. S. Ring Gutteridge.

Departures from the Peninsula:— Mrs. W. E. Kerlock, G. Samson, Mrs. R. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Roberts, M. W. Simon, L. C. F. Bolney, Col. E. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Haines, H. Davison, D. Board, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. C. K. Anderson, H. E. Dillon, N. Johnston, G. Scott, A. F. Bish, A. R. Tod, R. W. Putschmidt and H. McElvill.

The following passengers are expected from the United Kingdom on Saturday by B.O.A.C. the flying-boat being delayed 24 hours:— Messrs. Bennett, Cladding-Bowl, Sheriff, Hawkins, Baker, transit for Shanghai: Messrs. Strauss, August, Caro, Syberd, Powell.



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Possible Jap. Come-Back Christmas Message To Troops

The Secretary of State for War has sent the following Christmas message to all British troops:

"In sending to all ranks of the British Army throughout the world my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I send you also my warmest thanks for the admirable way in which you have carried out your duties. This year has brought many difficulties and some disappointments; but difficulties and disappointments have been met with undiminished cheerfulness, and the British Army has won golden opinions wherever its men have been stationed."

At the close of 1946 the honour and reputation of the British Army stands very high. 1947 will bring its difficulties too, but I am quite confident that next Christmas the honour and reputation of the Army will stand as high as they do now. I send you all my sincere thanks for all that you have done and my best wishes for this Christmas and New Year and for the years to come."

A message to his men from Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, C.I.G.S. reads: "On this Christmas day, the second since the end of War Two, let us look back with gratitude on great victories and to the solid achievements which have been granted us. Let us also look forward with serene resolve and high optimism to the future and the tasks which still confront us. 'Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace and goodwill towards men.' That is what we desire; on earth peace and goodwill towards men."

Christmas is a festival of the family, when we particularly think of our loved ones and friends; and in normal times we take the opportunity of gathering together with them. They are indirectly part of the Army; in that their faithful courage and fortitude are essential to the morale of the Army itself, and so, this Christmas 1946, I send to every officer and man and to your families wherever they may be my best wishes and my Christmas greetings. Let us look forward to the future, with confidence and with the firm determination of every man, to do his duty."

Merchant Navy

The following message has been sent to Hong Kong by the Ministry of Transport:

"As Minister of Transport, I send my best wishes to all clubs and hostels which provide for the well-being and entertainment of our Merchant Navy. I send greetings to the men who, although unable to spend Christmas in their home circles, nevertheless, enjoy good cheer and company provided by clubs and hostels, and my warm thanks to all those who have given their devoted help to make this obtainable locally. A happy Christmas to you all."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies adds: "I am glad to associate myself with the message from the Minister of Transport and to send my warm greetings and good wishes to members of the Merchant Navy from the Colonial Empire. I would also like to express sincere appreciation of the good work which is being done for the welfare of the merchant seamen at many Colonial ports."

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Grave Danger

Commenting on this, one highly placed American official here was careful to point out to the United Press that there are no grounds for fearing that the United States, either in theory or in practice, is "backing Japan against China." America, he stressed, "is serious about the United Nations," one of whose principles is free expanding trade throughout the world. But he admitted that if China continues to waste her energies in civil war, she is in grave danger of seeing Japan fill the Far Eastern economic vacuum. This would happen, he pointed out, in the course of Japan's natural return to self-sufficiency, quite within the frame-work of the Potsdam plan for that defeated nation.

Can China still cut down Japan's early lead, and outstrip her in the race for Asia's markets? The general opinion is: Yes, but only if a rapid end can be put to the civil war. And the chances of this happening appear more remote than ever.

On One Leg

China's trade potentialities—as pointed out recently by Sir Leslie Boyce, chairman of the British Trade Mission—are immense. But a host of economic factors, having their root cause in the civil war, are blocking trade recovery at every turn. China, as a trader, can be compared to a runner forced to skip along on one leg.

Examples are legion. "China's silk producers, for instance, were originally in a favoured position as compared to Japanese, due to the general world preference for the Chinese product. High labour and transportation costs, however, are such that an exporter would take a 30 per cent loss if he sold the silk at the prevailing United States market price."

Thus, while cheaper-priced Japanese silk is being bought in the United States, a lot of Chinese silk is being stored in Shanghai godowns.

The local estimate is that Japan is producing about 8,000 bales of silk monthly. China is producing between 8,000 to 15,000 bales per year—and native silk industries are being throttled rather than expanded.

Fantastic Quirks

The English-language China Press recently was startled by the report that 15,000 cases of Japanese tea arrived in the United States. The paper devoted an editorial to pointing out that little if any China tea had been exported for months.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

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Even exports in which China has an old, clear field—such as goat skins, sesame seed oil, embroidery, frozen and dried eggs, and so on—are not moving in any appreciable quantity.

The transport problem has developed fantastic quirks. It costs 10 times as much to move goods from Szechuan Province to Shanghai as to move them from this port to New York. The cost of moving goods from ship to shore—computed in terms of labour, "squeeze" and loss through looting—is as great or greater than the cost of shipping the goods across the Pacific.

There being no steady flow of coal from Honan and Shantung Provinces, foreign exchange must be wasted to import oil from the United States. Foreign exchange is being drained to import other items which could be produced domestically. This again is due to civil war—and has an adverse effect on China's recovery.

Losing The Race
Chinese businessmen and industrialists are alive to the fact that they are losing the race to Japan. They are having such a hard time keeping their heads above water, however, that their attention today is directed more toward survival than toward the winning of new markets.

Recently, however, their fears exploded to the surface when a Japanese ship slipped into port on Allied authority—and flew the Rising-Sun flag in the face of a city which fondly thought it had seen the last of this emblem for a long, long time.

The incident provoked much soul-searching on the part of Chinese editorial writers—and the leit-motif was that, unless the country quickly pulls itself together, victorious China will lose the peace to defeated Japan. —United Press.

DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS & EXPORTS
NOTICE

This department will be closed on WEDNESDAY, the 25th December, 1946, for all purposes except for the entry and clearance of ships' manifests from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. On THURSDAY, the 26th December, 1946, it will be open for revenue collection, issue of permits and entry and clearance of ships' manifests from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

(Sd.) E. HIMS WORTH,
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports.
Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1946.

NOTICE

Dr. M. Nicolson at present residing at the Peninsula Hotel and formerly practising in Alexandra Building is now in practice with Drs. Kirk, Lee & Vio, Exchange Building, 3rd floor, telephone No. 33373.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in Duplicate will be received at the Office of the Custodian of Property until 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 28th December, 1946, for the purchase of the following unclaimed property.

Tenders should be clearly marked "Tenders for"

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SELECTION COMMITTEE HONG KONG

All those wishing to enter Universities in the United Kingdom should apply now to the Director of Education for the necessary form of application. Application forms for admission to Oxford or Cambridge must be returned not later than 31st December, 1946, for other Universities not later than 15th January, 1947.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded under Colonial Development and Welfare Act to candidates of outstanding merit who would not otherwise be able to proceed to a British University.

K. J. ATTWELL,
Secretary to the Committee.
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1946.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, 31st December, 1946, at NOON for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, and for the period 1st January, 1942 to 31st December, 1946.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1946.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Agents:
China Navigation Co., Ltd.

Tenders are invited for the purchase at Hong Kong of the Steamship "Chungking" G.R.T. 2171, built 1913 by Takao Dockyard Engineering Co.

(a) to be broken up, and also
(b) as she now lies in Hong Kong Harbour.

Permits to inspect the ship may be obtained at 1, Connaught Road, Central, and tenders should be sent to that address in covers endorsed "Chungking", not later than 31st December, 1946.

The higher or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1946.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers.
Pedder Building.
Telephone No. 20224.

THE NEW ASIATIC CHEMICAL WORKS (HONGKONG) LTD.

NOTICE TO SHARE HOLDERS
NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd., will be held at the Mezz. Exchange Buildings, Hong Kong, on the 16th day of January 1947, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Special Resolutions:

1. "That Article 75 of the Company's Articles of Association be deleted and the following Article substituted—thereafter the Board of Directors shall appoint one or more than one of its Members to be the Managing Director of the Company upon such terms and for such period as the Board may from time to time determine."

2. "That the following words be added at the end of Article 112 'or by advertisement in one English and one Chinese newspaper circulating in the Colony of Hong Kong'."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Mezz. Exchange Buildings, Hong Kong, on the 16th day of January 1947, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st January 1946 to 31st December 1946, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

Dated the 22nd day of December, 1946.
By Order of the Board.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 30th December, 1946, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors, to receive the Report of the General Managers together with Statements of Accounts for the periods 1st November, 1940 to 31st December, 1941 and from 1st January, 1942 to 31st August, 1945 also to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1946.

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ITEM No. QUANTITY DESCRIPTION GODOWN REMARKS (IF ANY)

1 1 Keg Wire Nails China Provident
2 1 Drum Cable —do— No. 15
3 3 Boxes Tin Plates —do— No. 15
4 1 Crate Treadle Printing Machine Sui Bun For 1
5 1 Case Wheels & Pulleys —do— 1
6 3 Cases Electric Bells —do— 1
7 1 Piece Toy Water Softener, Eyslan Electric Generator 1—K
8 2 Cases Torchlights Eui Bun For 3
9 1 Flag Ships Transmitting Set —do—
10 1 Flag Sounding Machine —do—
11 1 Case Cylindrical Tank —do—
12 1 Case Three Stage Compressor —do—
13 18 Case Torchlight Holders Wing On
14 451 Bala China Provident
15 70 Bala —do— 20/40
16 4 Cases Mat Bags Sui Bun For 1
17 61 Bala Tinplate —do—
18 220 Bala China Provident
19 62 Bala —do—
20 332 Bala —do—
21 49 Bala Straw Ribbons Sui Bun For
22 21 Cases Enamel Ware —do—

Inspection permits will be issued to prospective purchasers by the Disposals (Tenders) Branch of the Custodian of Property Office, Windsor House on application.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender and reserves the right to accept all or any part of each tender.

No warranty is given in any way as to Description, Condition, Quantities or Numbers.

Hong Kong,
20th December, 1946.

J. WHEAT,
Custodian of Property.

AUCTION SALE

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSALS FAR EASTERN AREA (M.O.S.) Messrs. Lamert Brothers of Pedder Building, Hong Kong, have received instructions to sell by Auction at H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1946—

A LARGE QUANTITY OF NAVAL STORES AND MACHINERY, comprising—

Parsons Generator, Foam Extinguishers, Gauges, Blow Lamps, Candles & Hurricane Lamps, Lanterns, Fire Buckets, Galvanized Water Cans, Fog & Klaxon Horns, Axes, Bearings, Measuring Tapes, Vices, Bicycles, Iron Beds, Lockers, Camp Beds, Furniture, Blankets, Washing Hand Bowls, Felting, Mattress Covers, Mosquito Nets, Life Belts, Stretchers, Potentiometers, Transformers, Searchlight Projectors, Telephones, Old Batteries, Carbon Brushes, Escos, Life Lights, Table Fans, Aldis Lamps, Lamps, Radiators, Etc., Etc.

Old Iron, Old Filc, Old Cork, Old Rubber, Old Horse Hair, Old Aluminium, Brass Borings, Mixed Brass Scrap, Old Light Copper, Brass Scrap, Old Metal, Lead Battery Plates, Old Zinc, Etc., Etc.

Lathes, Milling Machine, Power Hack Saw, Compressors, 6 Cwt. Pneumatic Hammer, Planing and Drilling Machines, Circular and Horizontal Saws, Rolling Machine, Wood working Machine, Etc., Etc.

2½ to 4 Ton Ransome & Rapier Petrol/Electric Mobile Crane.

Permits to view, catalogues, Special Conditions of Sales, etc. may be obtained from Messrs. Lamert Brothers.

Inspection of above stores now lying at H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, can be made between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th December, 1946.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER, Chairman,
BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD (HONG KONG).

NOTICE
We have pleasure in announcing that as from the 1st January, 1947, Mr. Lee Hon Cheo has entered into partnership in this firm.

WILKINSON & CRIST.
SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE
10 St. John's Building (The Lady's Chapel)
Christmas Eve & Day—Speaker: Rev. Kirk Evan from Denmark.

NOTICE
The above-mentioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on the 21st and 23rd December, 1946, between 10 a.m. and Noon, and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersecretary at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Notification No. 22.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1946.

NOTICE
The Undersecretary has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY, the 24th DECEMBER, 1946, commencing at 10 a.m.

at THE SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS, FRENCH BANK BUILDING, BASEMENT.

223 LOTS OF VALUABLE GOODS, comprising—

STORED AT SUI BUN FOR No. 3-B Godown, 1st Floor, West Point.

Porcelain Ware; Glass Ware; Crockery; Jade and Quartz Carvings; Wall Ornaments; Glass Flowers; Soapstone Figures; Metal Brackets; Blackwood Furniture and Ornaments; Blackwood Screens; Lacquer Screens and Parts and Lacquer Ware; Marble Table Tops; Old Chinese Stralls; Old Embroideries; Porcelain Plaques; etc.

STORED AT CUSTODIAN 1-K GODOWN, Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon.

Lamps; Foreign Paper; Bond Paper; Strawboard; Cardboard; Machine Wheels; Pulley Wheels; Cast Iron Wheels; Machine Parts; Motor Car Accessories and Wheels; Iron Bolts; Iron Bars; Iron Rails; Iron Tubes; Fire Bars; Boiler Blacks; Wooden Blocks; Pulley Blocks; Transformers; Copper Wire; Electric Rock Drill; Brass Bushings; Iron Ventilators; Hand Pumps and Accessories; Furnace Parts; Bricks; Steel Rods; Levelling Plates; Diesel Pistons; Bearing Covers; Cylinder Heads, etc.; Iron Pipes and Drain Pipes, etc.

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WANTED: American, British or French Stenographer, familiar with French language for position with American Firm in Saigon.

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"PATIENCE HAS TRIUMPHED" Bevin's Report To British Public On UNO Talks Understanding Will Grow

London, Dec. 22.

"I believe we have entered the first stage of establishing concord and harmony between the great powers. It has been a very trying time, but I am glad that patience has triumphed and I am fully convinced that understanding will grow."

This was stated by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, in a broadcast to the British public tonight on the progress achieved by the recent United Nations conference in New York.

After describing the long negotiations over the peace treaties with the former satellite states of Germany, Mr. Bevin said: "At last we have succeeded and the treaties are ready for signature. They are too long to deal with in detail in a broadcast, but you have heard a good deal about Trieste. Why is it so important? Well, it is where Latin and Slav meet, where for centuries they have struggled. We have now left as few of the Italians as we could under Slav rule and as few of the Slavs as we could under Italian rule."

"On the other hand by the formation of an international zone we have created a meeting ground at the port where I hope great trade will develop, and which, if used rightly, will serve at least seventy million people in Europe—Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks, Poles, Austrians, Hungarians and Swiss. I can only hope that the Yugoslavs and Italians will seize this opportunity for co-operation."

"Another illustration is that of the Danube."

Common People
"In the treaties we have provided for the freedom of navigation on this great waterway of vital international importance, a channel of trade to many countries and, if used aright, a route of great health-giving trade development for the whole territory."

"One other illustration—the Tyrol. There again we have prevented, I believe, an irredentist movement, by promoting agreement between Italy and Austria which should be of benefit to the whole of the Alpine powers."

"My policy is to work to create conditions in which different races can co-operate and which will reflect themselves in the happiness and freedom of the people."

"I want the people of Europe to help by taking a broad view. Yugoslavia has a great task of economic reconstruction ahead and will, I believe, co-operate to the fullest possible extent."

"Italy, injured as she is by the war, can be sure of the rest of us. She must herself provide the will and leadership on the part of her own democratic leaders. If this is done she will soon get on her political legs."

Germany's Future

"The other task with which we have had to grapple is the future of Germany. Great difficulties have arisen, but we have made practical steps towards their solution by fusing the British and American zones on the clear understanding that the other zones will be welcome to join us if they wish."

"We are sharing the cost of this fusion between the United States and ourselves. We are pooling technical resources and skill and we shall create conditions which will allow the German to regain his status. But I warn the country that this will take time."

"Hitler so drilled his people that it will take at least a

Never Again
"We must avoid the creation of a cesspool of cheap and half starved labour in Middle Europe. At the same time we must ensure that Germany can never again be a menace to the Allies who have had to fight her twice in 25 years."

"The Moscow conference will also deal with the problem of what occupation forces should be kept in Germany and how the civil government there can gradually be built up."

"At Moscow we shall also discuss Austria, which was overthrown by Hitler and which has been recreated. We shall attempt to finalise her position by a new treaty. When you see the agenda for this conference you will understand the enormous amount of preparatory work to be done at Moscow."

"Throughout all these negotiations my colleagues and I have been striving to find an approximation of ideas between the great powers themselves. It is true that we represent different economic systems; America, a country of free enterprise, has shown willingness to play her part to the full in the creation and maintenance of a sound and effective international instrument and has indeed offered to enter into a 40-year treaty to make sure of the disarmament of Germany and Japan; Soviet Russia, who has evolved an entirely different system, but who has been invaded and suffered terrible destruction which has practically undone the whole of the great economic work she accomplished between the revolution and Hitler's attack, now has to create herself again; France—who has been invaded three times, who has given to the world enduring principles of liberty and has a deep culture and wide literature—France too is making her contribution to this new interlocking world."

Two Great Powers

"China, who has gone through such devastating periods, still torn by civil war, will yet unite and contribute with her age-long philosophy and experience."

"And Great Britain, developing rapidly her social democratic status with her great experience and having learned the lessons of leadership through many years of the evolution has, with the Commonwealth, got her contribution to make and will still take her place as a great power."

"The war has left two great powers preponderant—the United States of America and Soviet Russia."

"Great Britain is mid-way in geography and way of life."

"Whereas Soviet Russia and the United States are land

POW CHURCH SERVICE

Beckenham, Dec. 22.

German prisoners of war who have regularly attended services at Beckenham Methodist Church, Kent, conducted their own service there today and invited Beckenham people to worship with them.

The main part of the church was filled by 350 Germans and the remaining places by representatives of all denominations. The church was packed. The service was conducted by Pastor Walter Ecker of Coblenz.—Reuter.

empires, their metropolitan territory occupying vast areas, Great Britain and the Commonwealth are spread over the seven seas.

"Can anyone believe that if the five great powers live in concord and harmony and are helped by the smaller powers who are contributing their energies and their hope, war is possible at all?"

"I believe we have entered the first stage of establishing concord and harmony between the great powers."

"What is the ground for that belief?"

"First, we are agreed on the first round of the peace treaties which are the instruments to restore normality after the war. Second, we are shaping an organisation to which the United Nations look to guide their relations and help keep the peace."

"Great Britain, with her experience, has, if I may say so without boasting, so much to give to the others."

British Efforts

"As examples of what we have done: Ours were the first drafts of the treaties, ours the first draft of the charter, and apart from the work of peace-making and the shaping of the United Nations, we have been pursuing our modernising and pacifying course in those parts of the world not directly affected by the Council of Foreign Ministers or United Nations Organisation."

"I cite only the Netherlands East Indies where British leadership, through two men, Lord Inverchapel and Lord Killearn, lent its help and experience to promote agreement between the Dutch and the Indonesians. This agreement, which has now been approved, has restored peace in the Netherlands East Indies. It has laid the dust of war and will open up a vista of hope and progress to many millions of South East Asians who are thus ready to take their place in the modern world."

"All these developments illustrate the patient and constructive efforts of British policy since the end of the war."

"We must build slowly, striving for perfection. For remember, the peace-makers are building not only for this generation but for generations yet to come." Mr. Bevin concluded.—Reuter.

"The alleged murder is said to have taken place two years ago.—Reuter."

Today, medical experts told

the court that re-examination of the remains of de Sigoyer's wife had failed to show any trace of a bullet wound.

Many fashionably dressed women were among the spectators in the crowded court today at the fourth session of one of the most intriguing murder trials Paris has known.

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FORTUNE HAS FAVOURED GENERAL FRANCO

Madrid, Dec. 22.
Providence was kinder to General Francisco Franco during 1946 than in the years immediately preceding it.
From foreign attacks on his regime he has definitely benefited at home in that the attacks annoyed the middle and upper classes which are the only ones at present in a position to change the regime.
The year opened ominously for the dictator, a large and influential sector of Spain's Conservative classes showing great enthusiasm for the restoration of the Monarchy. Don Juan felt the situation far enough advanced for him to move from distant Lausanne to neighbouring Lisbon.
On the left wing, the main groups of Spain's resistance—the Socialists, Communists, Anarchists and Republicans—had at last formed a national alliance of democratic forces. Both the left and right opposition, without having official contact, had feders out and there was a certain amount of tacit understanding about a joint effort by all those opposing Generalissimo Franco to prepare one big push to unseat him.

Helping Factors

Now in December, with 1946 petering out, the Monarchist issue is well in the background and the national alliance of the democratic forces is functioning with little vigour. Foreign observers might well wonder what events have brought about this decline in organised opposition to Franco and would find it hard to put their fingers on any single fact.
Certain obvious factors helped Franco: the bumper wheat harvest, good olive crops, rains which helped to mitigate drought, Chauvinist passions so easily inflamed in Spain and fanned by constant attacks on the regime in the United Nations and elsewhere, sharp Communist gains in France and Italy.

Those are all factors which

have helped. But probably the factor which has helped more than any other to maintain General Franco unshaken, is the fear of another civil war which has played a leading role at every moment of crisis or doubt throughout this year.

Envoy Leaving

Meanwhile the British Embassy announced today that Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet was scheduled to leave for London on Tuesday.
His departure will mark British compliance with the United Nations decision that heads of diplomatic missions to Spain should be withdrawn—Reuter and United Press.

HUNGARIANS DEPORTED

Budapest, Dec. 22.
Alleging that Slovakia was continuing to deport Hungarians, Hungary's Foreign Minister stated today that until this ended the agreement for exchange of populations between the two countries would be suspended.
This follows many recent Hungarian protests that Hungarians were being sent to forced labour in western Czechoslovakia.
M. Zoltan Horvath, foreign affairs correspondent of the newspaper Nepszava, who protested about the deportations, after a visit to the area reported today that the reports of "rigorous inhuman" methods of deportation were "exaggerated"—Reuter.

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29 Dead Since The Truce

Batavia, Dec. 22.
Twenty-nine Dutch citizens reportedly have been killed since Dec. 1, despite the declaration of truce on Oct. 14 and the initialing of the Indonesian-Dutch basic agreement on Nov. 15, a survey showed today. Since Dec. 3, the Dutch issued many daily reports on the military situation, which has spread to nine fronts.
A Dutch Army spokesman said the most troublesome place in Sumatra was Medan, where the irregular Indonesian Army, Laskar Rajat, did not cease extensive hostilities until the joint military mission established a demarcation line.
The situation at Padang and to a lesser extent, at Palembang were said to have been similar to that at Medan.
Dutch reports since Dec. 1 said 600 men had been killed in the Celebes-Makassar area where the Dutch proclaimed martial law on Dec. 11. A Dutch military spokesman said more than 50 Indonesians were killed during the last three weeks in Java. He described the Java cities of Batavia, Buitenzorg, Semarang and Sourabaya as front line points.
A spokesman recently denied Indonesian army communiques that native forces in the Medan sector had been bombed from the air and that the Dutch had used flame throwers at Semarang.
Indonesian communiques have not been giving the number of Dutch soldiers killed, but freely admit Dutch actions resulting in numerous Indonesian casualties.—United Press.

WHAT IF HE WERE ATOMISED?

Washington, Dec. 22.
Senator Wiley, Republican, Wisconsin, urged that the new Congress speedily provide for someone to govern the country if the atomic bomb or other disaster should kill the President, the Cabinet and members of Congress.
"In this atomic age we cannot delay in making provision for whatever emergency may arise," he told a reporter.
"What do you suppose happened to legislators and governing officers who were in Hiroshima? You cannot close your eyes to what happened in Japan."—Associated Press.

"FASCIST PROVOCATIONS"

Moscow, Dec. 22.
The Vienna police are investigating the increasing number of "Fascist provocations" in the Austrian capital, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Tass News Agency.
Fascists last week smashed the windows of the Vienna Communist Party Headquarters and distributed leaflets threatening "We shall be back soon and will hang you all," the report said.
Earlier, leaflets showing a swastika were on two occasions distributed in Vienna districts, it added.—Reuter.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE "INSULTED"

New Delhi, Dec. 22.
The Congress Working Committee tonight decided that reference of the grouping of the provinces controversy to the Federal Court, as suggested by Britain, is "in the present circumstances not called for, unbecoming and unsuited to the dignity of Congress and the Federal Court."

The decision was taken after nearly ten days' discussions. The Congress Working Committee also decided to summon an emergency meeting of the All-India Congress Committee to consider the latest developments and give such directions as it may deem fit.

The All-India Congress Committee will meet on May 5. The Working Committee, in a statement today, said: "For some time past the attitude of the British Government and of their representatives in India has been such as to add to the difficulties and complexities of the situation in the country."

Their present intervention—long after members of the Constituent Assembly has been elected—has created a new situation which is full of peril for the future."

The demonstration began after Sardar Pritam Singh, prominent Sikh leader, had begun a "Fast unto Death" as a protest against the Maharajah's "failure to introduce responsible Government" and to secure greater representation for Sikhs in the Council of Ministers and state services.

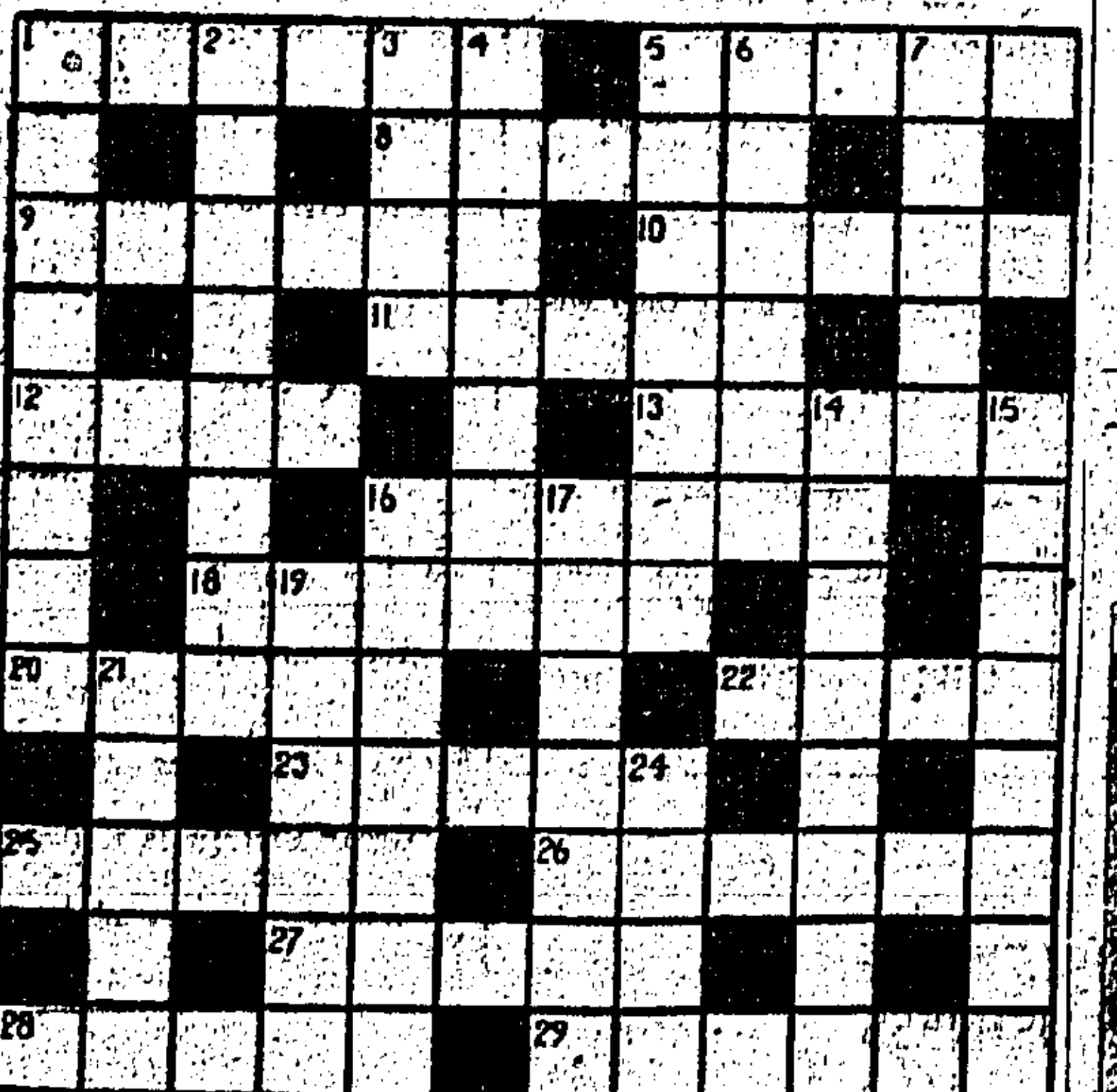
From Bombay comes the report that five people died and eight were injured as the result of stabbings in Bombay city today.

According to another Government statement one person died when the police fired four rounds in central Bombay last night to disperse stone-throwing mobs. A junior police officer was hit by stones.—Reuter.

U.K. EXPORTS

London, Dec. 22.
United Kingdom exports for November totalled \$388,400,000 the Board of Trade announced—an increase of \$800,000 over the previous all time peak.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Wild, feline.
- Damp.
- Trace back.
- Type of floor.
- Lifeboat.
- Burden.
- Sum owing.
- Shed.
- Rumour.
- Avoid.
- Ruhr city.
- Bird seed.
- Unpress.
- Talk idly.
- Bird of prey.
- Kind of tapestry.
- Guilt.
- Required.

Clues Down

- Scouts' celebration.
- Postures.
- Parched.
- Withdrew.
- Doctors.
- Patible.
- European national.
- Made less bitter.
- Intemperate talkers.
- Wading bird.
- Matches.
- Thicket.
- Affected attitude.

Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Biscuit; 5. Staid; 8. Root; 9. Collar; 11. Reptile; 12. Degree; 14. Bead; 16. Churn; 18. Egret; 19. Shed; 20. Recent; 24. Antia; 25. Trails; 26. Cook; 27.
- DOWN: 1. Back; 2. Sold; 3. Crag; 4. Torrid; 5. Stretch; 6. Applaud; 7. Delving; 10. Love; 13. Certain; 14. Bracing; 15. Attract; 17. Henna; 19. Sector; 21. Era; 22. Tilt; 23. Yet.

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clothes, then, and get cracking.
The sun is up, the dew is on the
rosebud, the wasps are on the
window pane, and the bluebottles
are on everything.We will visit a farm, a river,
and the village duck pond, and
see what we can find. After that
we will visit the low village
tavern and see what we can find
there.Well, here we are at the farm
already. Quick work, wasn't it?
And I can tell you something
right away.You see that cow by the fence
chewing the cud and looking as
if she didn't give a damn if
Molotov said no, a thousand
times no? You may think she
looks idle, but, boy, how she's
working, if you can call that
work.It's been estimated that a cow
makes 41,000 jaw movements in
a day, which is a few thousand
up on Gladstone who chewed
every mouthful 40 times; and
probably better than the com-
bined efforts of all members of
Parliament at an allnight sit-
ting.Don't ask me who made the
estimate—probably a man with a
notebook and pencil and nothing
else to do.Hence, by the way, don't chew
the cud. This may be because they
either don't like chewing it or be-
cause they don't want to be mis-
taken for cows.Look, here are some pigs. Did
you know that pigs have 44 teeth?
Nor did I till I read about it
somewhere. And I still don't
know why, unless it's because they
have bigger mouths than Ameri-
can film stars, who have only 32,
if none of them have been pulledout. You've got to fill a big
mouth with something.
Apart from swill, pigs also eat
coal, which is good for them and
probably accounts to some extent
for the coal shortage. If the
Minister of Fuel stopped pigs eat-
ing coal we would have a lot more
fires this winter, but a lot more
pigs with the colic. It all depends
whether you care if pigs have the
colic or not.I see they have some geese on
the farm, which reminds me of
Christmas and, also, that geese
have no teeth. Nor has any other
bird, including the turkey. That's
why it gobbles, I suppose.Farmyard freaks are produced
by crossing a buffalo with a cow
—called a cattalo, and by crossing
a sheep with a goat, either called
a shag or a geon, whichever you
prefer.If you have nothing better to
do you can also cross a goose with
a turkey and call it a toose or a**By NATHANIEL
GUBBINS,
London "Sunday
Express" Humorist**turkey, or a turkey with a duck
and call it a tuck, or a duck with
a goose and call it a doose or a
guck.Later on, advanced students
can cross a doose with a turkey
or a toose with a tuck or a turkey
with a guck, and call them
whatever they like.Here we are at the river. It's
a nice clean river, so it's prob-
ably full of fish.Funnily enough, fish don't like
dirty water any more than you
do. But, whereas you need not
drink dirty water, fish would have
to live in it. Rather like living
in a slum, only worse, because
dirty water would kill fish in a
short time. It takes years to kill
people in slums.Are fish intelligent?
Well, they are intelligent en-
ough to avoid dirty water, and
they are intelligent enough to
avoid me. I have never caught a
fish except by accident.There was also an experiment
with a gong. A man at an
anglers' hotel used to bang a gong
at lunch time, and hundreds
of fish would arrive to eat the
titties he threw to them.Then the war came, and the
food at the hotel got worse and
worse. Fewer and fewer fish
turned up for lunch, till at last
even the youngest and silliest fish
gave the place a wide berth,
though the man banged the gong
for hours on end.This at least proves that fish
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"drink too much by any
standards," and 750,000 are
chronic drunkards.This is the conclusion of Dr.
Elvin Jellinek, co-director of
Yale University's laboratory of
applied physiology.A total of 47,000,000 Ameri-
cans resort to alcoholic be-
verages, but whether they drinkare more intelligent than the
British public, who will eat any-
thing without complaint, and pay
through the nose for it, too.What a funny duck pond with
no ducks on it!At a rough guess I would say
the absence of ducks is not due to
migration or any natural move-
ment of ducks. I would say the
people round here are rather
fond of ducks and prefer them on
a plate rather than on a pond.But I see plenty of green slime
and plenty of old tin cans, which
are normally found in village
ponds. And I dare say there are
plenty of mosquitoes. They
usually breed in still waters, liv-
ing, I suppose, on the green slime
and the local inhabitants.You needn't worry about a
mosquito unless it's a female mos-
quito. The male is quite harm-
less, humming about minding his
own business.It's the female that stings you,
a situation you will find almost
throughout nature.You can tell the female by her
long nose and bad temper (she
stings you with her nose), but
unless you have microscopic eyes
you would never notice the differ-
ence until too late.Oh, look, there's a natterjack,
or the yellow-backed rush toad.
Or is it just an ordinary toad?
I only hoped it was a natterjack
so that I could tell you about its
remarkably deep voice, a fact I
found in a dictionary just before
we came out.And look, there's a robin red-
breast. I bet you didn't know that
the red on its breast comes off—
enough to stain a handkerchief,
anyway. I didn't know myself till
I read it in one of Mr. Chapman
Pincher's natural history sermons
as interpreted by Mr. Bernard
Wicksteed.But it reminds me of the story
of the elderly scientist who came
home with a handkerchief stained
red. His wife didn't half go off
the deep end when he told her he
had been wiping a robin's breast.Yes, I'll have a light ale, thank
you.And, talking of light ales and
gongit, did you know it has been
estimated that "women ruin at
least a million drinks a week?"When they drink from a glass
they leave a smear of lipstick on
the edge. If this is not washed
off with hot water and soda, the
chemical in the lipstick takes the
fizz out of bottled beer and leaves
it flat.Which is one more argument in
favour of clubs for men only.It was a valuable, confidential
document and the War Office paid
without demur.**Fowl Runs Robbed**
In all £10,518,500 has been paid
to people who have complained
about the depredations of the
British soldier between Novem-
ber, 1940 and June, 1946.This does not include claims
arising out of the evacuation of
whole villages and districts. They
come under a separate and as yet
unsettled category.Amounts already paid came
under four heads, but "practi-
cally all of them were for in-
juries and damage to crops,
hedges, and private roads dur-
ing manoeuvres."Traffic accident claims reached
the War Office at the rate of 17-
000 a month during the war.Other claims arose from re-
quisitioned premises, stripping of
orchards and robbing of chicken
cocks.too much is a matter of opinion,
Jellinek says.All of the 3,000,000 who
drink excessively "are exposed
to physiological damage beyond
controversy."Many of them are now being
treated at hundreds of new
clinics that are being opened
throughout the nation, but so
far only limited success has
been achieved in restoring them
to normality.Mrs. Leigh Colvin, national
president of the Christian Tem-
perance Union, said that the
increase in crime, juvenile
delinquency, and social diseases
was largely due to alcohol.**BY THE
WAY**By
BEACHCOMBER

Pins

C. Suet, Esq., who requires
a licence to manufacture pins,
have received a strange letter
from the Reconstruction De-
partment of the Ministry of
Reconstruction.It informed him that his ap-
plication for herring soup
tablets had been sent by mis-
take to the Herring Soap Con-
trol Board.Suet replied that he had made
no application for herring soup
or herring soap, as the case
might or might not be.A specification for pin pro-
duction, showing the actual size
and weight of the standard
utility pin, was returned to him,
as the pin was drawn in green
instead of red ink, thus infring-
ing a by-law. Meanwhile, the
second floor of Suet's factory
has been requisitioned as soon
as derequisitioned by the Nun-
lake Juvenile School of Gov-
ernment Rehabilitation of Sign-
posts, chairman Dame, Eva
Funeral.**Out Basket**Before this letter could be an-
swered there arrived another
from the Saucepan Controller,
informing Suet that he would
require four licences to manu-
facture pans, and that pans
meant pots, ramikin dishes, cas-
seroles, colanders, griddles,
grills, baking tins, fish-kettles,
preserving pans, kettles, basins,
bowls, patty-tins, egg-poachers,
steamers, nutmeg-graters, flan-
tins, sandwich-tins, and beet-
root buckets.**Fun**Scene: A chalk quarry in win-
ter. Enter three milkmen in
bathing suits and bowlers.A writer who recently recom-
mended people who laugh at the
incongruous to analyse their
emotions was wasting his time.It is better to enjoy the fun,
as when a first violin at a big
concert fits a tiny arrow to his
bow and shoots it at the con-
ductor, or a rich Indian student
presents a girl at a tobacco
stall with a full-grown elephant.
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currences, according to the
Royal Statistical Society, of
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Another Secret Weapon

Washington, Dec. 22. The National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics disclosed today the development of a 600 m.p.h. model for future guided missiles, equipped with explosives and target seekers.

The experimental, pilotless aircraft was described as the first guided missile flown successfully through a predetermined programme of manoeuvres. The rocket attained an average of 600 m.p.h. in test flights.

Designed and adapted to supersonic speeds, the missile is powered by jet engines.

The rocket is roughly comparable to the German V-1 in that it has wings, but it is much faster and propelled by rockets which can be guided accurately to a predetermined target.

The new weapon was removed from the secret list after two years of research. An Advisory Committee spokesman said it might be the first United States' weapon of major consequence to be developed.

It has already proven satisfactory from the standpoint of control and stability. The rocket is 14 feet in length, weighs 600 lb. and is launched with a rocket-booster in the tail.—United Press.

Detroit, Dec. 23. Passenger car and truck production in the United States and Canada this week as estimated by Ward's automotive report—95,940 units compared with last week's postwar peak of 96,887. Labour outlook for 1947 the agency said is "confused."—Associated Press.

Detroit, Dec. 23. Ford Motors announced that all but a few operations will be suspended on Tuesday and remain shut-down until January 2, because of the shortage of steel and malleable and gray iron castings. It is estimated that about 90,000 Ford workers will be affected.—Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22. A finance law embodying the French Government's proposals for revenue for the first three months of next year totalling 137,000 million francs was passed by the National Assembly today by 530 votes against 60.

Tomorrow a vote will be taken on military credits for the next three months. In view of the situation in Indo-China, the economy originally proposed may meet with opposition in different parts of the Assembly.

The Assembly must also still vote on the so-called extraordinary budget, which provides for state expenditure on reconstruction and compensation for war damage.

All this must be done in time to allow the complete Finance Law to be printed in the official gazette and at least one copy delivered to the Council of the Republic Upper Chamber before it holds its inaugural session on Tuesday. At that moment, the new constitution enters into force.

The "economy" budget of M. Leon Blum's new Government were not in force before this moment, it would have to be submitted to a new Upper House.

M. Andre Philip, Finance Minister, said today that with a balanced ordinary budget, circumstances were now favourable for a reduction of price levels, but at the same time the country must be prepared for sacrifices and must not be under any illusions.

Merely to return to the pre-war production level would not ensure the pre-war standard of living because more current production must be diverted to replacing and improving worn out machinery and other capital assets, he added.

M. Philip said that three problems must be satisfactorily settled if the process of reconstruction and financial stability were to be maintained. They were: (1) Supply of coal from the Ruhr area. (2) The use by France of German prisoners-of-war. (3) Increased exports.

M. Paul Reynaud, Prime Minister of the last Government before Pétain brought the Vichy regime to power, gave warning during the budget debate that the demand for higher wages was threatening M. Philip's expectations.—Reuter.

U.S. Policy Not Clear

Delhi, Dec. 23. Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation at the United Nations conference, says that the United States did not support India on the South African issue because the United States is "not very clear at this moment about her foreign policy."

She said the United States was not in a position to break away from Britain, and they had to form an Anglo-Saxon bloc.

The overwhelming fear in the United States was Communism and a fear of war with Russia, which was responsible for many of the actions the United States took at the United Nations conferences, she said.

America was unable to grasp her unique position of leadership in the world, because of her foggy vision in the matter of foreign policy.

"The part Britain played was that of sabotaging everything we brought up, subtly and often cleverly. All who supported us were told of Anti-Indian propaganda going on in their countries."—Associated Press.

Prize Allergy Stories

New York, Dec. 23. People can be allergic to virtually anything, but there is a fortunate angle to allergies to nylon stockings. They are rare and not as bad as some others.

The medical journal "Hygeia" says a few women develop an annoying, itching eruption from them.

The Journal tells some prize allergy stories. One was a baffling case of a young woman with severe itching on her lips. Tests with lipsticks, cosmetics, foods and other substances failed to reveal the cause. But a persistent doctor found it—her fiancée's waxed moustache.

A man had Sunday night itch—cause: a red dye in the Sunday pictorial supplements.

Another man's trouble was traced at long last to matches. The clue was the fact that he got the itch on his hip. He usually carried matches in his hip pocket.—Associated Press.

Zionist Talks To Be Deadlocked?

Basle, Dec. 22. The World Zionist Congress today appeared headed for a major political deadlock on the eve of the final session of the stormy two-week meeting.

The powerful International Jewish Labour Party announced that it had decided in the caucus to vote for the reelection of the World Zionist Organization President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and observers agreed that Dr. Weizmann now controlled the majority of delegates.

Dr. Weizmann has intimated that he will accept reelection only if his moderate policies are endorsed. He favours participation in the London Palestine conference next month and acceptance by the Jews of the principle of partition of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states.

However, this afternoon, the Congress' potent resolution opposing Jewish participation in the London Conference under present conditions. The resolution, which will be submitted to the final session of the full Congress tomorrow (Monday) night, provides that any British proposal altering present conditions would have to be submitted to the Zionist General Council before Dr. Weizmann or his successor is authorized to attend the Conference.

Adoption of the resolution would make participation in the initial phases of the conference very unlikely, inasmuch as some time would be required to assemble the General Council and the Conference is due to start on Jan. 14.

Election Assured

Delegates said the purpose of the Political Commission resolution was to force from Britain an assurance that "Jews" would be

No Price Control On Shakespeare

An author who always sells, once a state of mind has been achieved that is very much jaded by the continual quibbles of the day, is William Shakespeare. Yet in purchasing Shakespeare, one is apt to come up against a modern type of mind that knows no jading, having been flattered to that razor edge of intellect that refuses recognition of a peer.

Hence the experience of a local citizen within the week who picked up an edition of Shakespeare's more dramatic works and casually asked the price. "Sixty dollars," stated the salesman, unflinching.

"Sixty dollars?" inquired the Shakespeare-hungry would-be buyer. "It says twelve and six on the cover!"

"Sixty dollars nevertheless," said the salesman with a face of granite.

"Look here, my man," said the Shakespeare addict. "What about the Price Control ceilings on books?"

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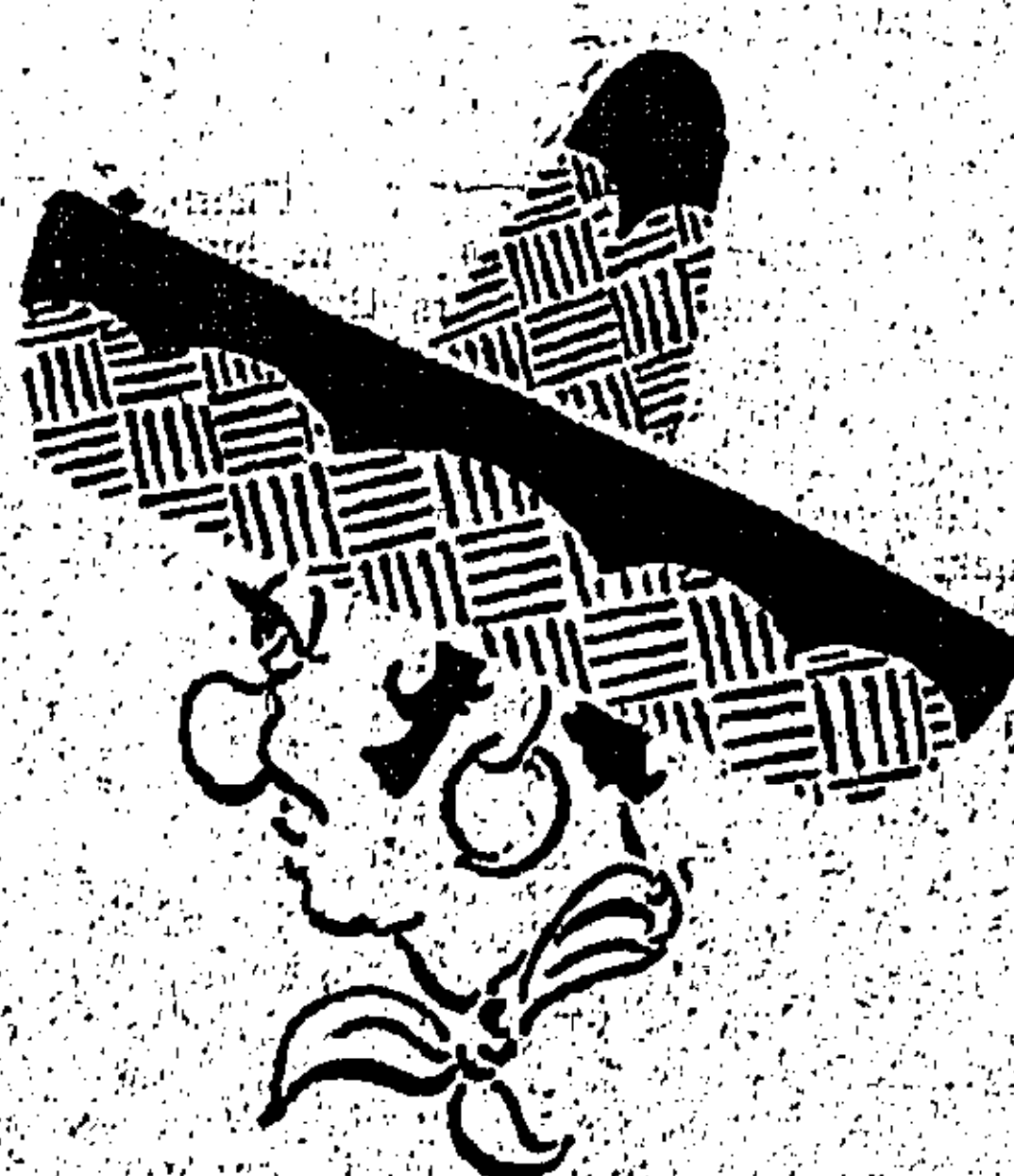
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For the first time in the history of the United States, in either war or peace, money in circulation topped the \$29,000,000,000 mark last week.

And from every quarter came abundant evidence that this record total was being turned over at a rapid clip as citizens engaged in full Christmas buying splurge and over-all business activity recouped a large part of the setback brought on by the recent coal strike.

Electric power output was at a historic high. Soft coal production was the best of the year. Bank clearings established a 17-year top. Retail trade was 24 to 28 per cent better. Tally showed that most of the nation's crops were the best and biggest in history. Commodity prices began leveling off.

Automobile production was close to post-war high and the nation's army of workers was nearly fully employed. Automobile output last week totalled 95,940 units compared with 93,887, a new post-war high in the previous week.

Coal Output

Soft coal miners dug out 13,215,000 tons against 12,345,000 in the previous week when the effects of the strike were felt and 12,300,000 a year ago.

Steel production was 83.9 per cent of capacity compared with 69.8 a week before and 83 in 1945.

Freight car loadings totalled 928,787 compared with 729,084 in previous week, and 771,594 last year.

Crude oil production was 4,710,950 barrels against 4,697,750 and 4,514,700 last week and in the same week a year before.

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Outward Mails

On Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th December, 1946, the General Post Office and Kowloon C.P.O. will be open as follows:

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TUESDAY, DEC. 24

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Swatow (Fukien) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.I. (F.E.A.T.I. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 24/12, (Ord.) 10 p.m. 15/12.

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Canton (Kwong Fook Cheung) 4 p.m.

Shanghai (Lymalge) 10 a.m.

Kongmoon (Fook Hing) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekai (Kwong Sai) 10 a.m.

Canton (Fook Hing) 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Swatow & Bangkok (Fronto) 10 a.m.

Manila (General Meigs) & Macassar (Tjibadak) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Han Ming) 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, East and South Africa, Persia, Europe & U.K. (Airmail) (Reg.) 8.45 a.m., (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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Airmail for Manila P.I. (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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Hong Kong, 28th Dec. 1946.

Xmas Greetings To People Of Germany

Frankfurt, Dec. 23.

Christmas greetings were sent tonight by General Joseph T. MacNary, commander of the U.S. Occupation zone, to the German people, especially those who had helped towards Germany's rehabilitation.

"To the men and women, military and civilian, of the United States Forces of the European theatre I express my deepest appreciation for your loyalty and steadfastness and self-sacrifice displayed in pursuance of your appointed task," he said.

"I hope Christmas will bring a measure of the happiness you want. To the German people, particularly those who laboured to restore a measure of individual and national liberty and to bring speedy rehabilitation to your distressed country, I extend the greetings of Christmas and my fervent wish for peace on earth and goodwill. We desire to live in peace and harmony and goodwill towards mankind."—Reuter.

Trade Agreement Over Germany

Berlin, Dec. 22.

Britain and Russia have signed an agreement opening the way for unlimited trade between their two German occupation zones with the United States zones automatically participating, British authorities announced today.

The agreement covers only the first three months of 1947 and although the United States did not sign the pact, British officials said that the American military government helped to draft it and approved it.

A British spokesman said the agreement patterned was after one covering the last four months this year except that a new clause was inserted which opens the door for trade or barter.

The clause for the first time gives the Germans a chance to negotiate on a zonal basis for future trade agreements. The first German discussions will begin in mid-January. British authorities said that the Germans would be able to expand the present agreement and to make pacts covering a longer period than the first three months. The Germans, however, could not cut the existing trade agreements below the set minimum.

The spokesman said the new agreement provided that the British zone, combined with the American zone, would deliver to

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Happier Xmas For Austin's

Birmingham, Dec. 23.

A representative of the Austin Motor Company—which earlier this week announced it would close down indefinitely after the Christmas holidays because of lack of fuel—said today that all preparations have been made to receive and handle the coal supply promised by Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power.

Mr. Shinwell's offer to provide next week the coal needed for the Austin factory, which employs 17,000 workers, was described as "excellent" by Mr. L. B. Lord, chairman and managing director of the company.

"We can now look forward to a happier Christmas than was possible a few days ago," he added.

The first consignment of coal reached the factory today and the bulk of deliveries is expected on Tuesday. The company fears, however, that the cold and foggy weather may cause some delay in traffic.—Reuter.

GREAT STEP FORWARD

London, Dec. 22.

Mr. Kent Cooper, General Manager and Executive Director of Associated Press, the great American cooperatively-owned non-profit making press association, in a statement tonight said: "The announcement by the Board of Reuters to the effect that the Australian Associated Press has joined in the ownership of Reuters, a non-profit making news agency, is a great step forward in Empire journalism."

"Both Reuters and the Australian Associated Press are to be congratulated."—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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s.s. "ESANG"	to Keelung & Shanghai 4 p.m. 6th Jan.
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ARRIVALS

s.s. "TINGSANG"	From Shanghai & Keelung 27th Dec.
s.s. "ESANG"	From Straits & Calcutta 3rd Jan.
s.s. "WINGSANG"	From Shanghai 30th Dec.

IN PORT

S.S.	"EMPIRE WITHEAM"	alongside Cosmo Dock.
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Exchange Clerk Committed

Yeung Shu-hung, clerk attached to the Foreign Exchange Control Section, Colonial Secretary's Office, was committed for trial by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of accepting a bribe of \$630 on October 28.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Assistant Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution, while Mr. M. A. de Silva appeared for the defence.

A witness for the Crown, Anthony Chen, wireless operator of the Royal Navy said that acting on instructions from the Police, he went to the Finance Office on October 22. He made an application for U.S. \$8,000 as instructed.

He met the accused there on October 25, at about 3 p.m., and they arranged a meeting. Later the same day, he went to the Kam Loong Restaurant and saw the accused. He asked the accused to assist him with his application for foreign exchange.

Accused told him that the usual charge for assistance was five per cent of what he applied for. He agreed to pay this five per cent, which accused worked out as \$630.

During the interview on October 25, he was introduced to the accused's brother. Later that day at the Kam Loong Restaurant, accused said to him: "In case I am not there, put it in an envelope and give it to my brother."

Witness said that he understood the word "it" meant the money.

Marked Money

At 7 p.m. on October 28, he went to the Hop Fat shop, as previously arranged with the accused. Before going to the shop, he went to the Police who gave him some marked money.

At the Hop Fat shop, he met the accused and suggested they settle the matter. Accused pointed to a partition at the flat. As he went into the partition, he counted the money and gave it to accused.

After the transaction, he suggested going out to buy some fruit; accused agreed and followed him. As soon as he was out of the shop, he lit his cigarette, which was the signal for the Police.

Inspector Darkin and a Chinese detective came up and they all went to Central Police Station.

Inspector W. N. Darkin told the Court that he took down all the numbers of the banknotes before he gave them to Chen.

He searched the accused in the presence of the Inspector on duty in the Charge Room, Inspector T. K. Whelan.

Smallpox Perils

The perils of failing to report smallpox to the proper authorities were vividly illustrated recently.

A little Chinese girl got smallpox and her parents went to a Chinese herbalist. The herbalist did not trouble to visit the child but gave a written diagnosis to the parents that the sickness was smallpox and treated the child for a week by writing advice and prescriptions, charged a fee of \$4 to \$7 per day for his advice and \$4 for every prescription. Neither the parents nor the herbalist reported the case. The child was found in a dying condition by a Health Inspector on the twenty-third day of her illness. She was at once removed to hospital but it was too late and she died almost at once.

The parents, the herbalist and the chief tenant were prosecuted as they were all responsible for this child's death. The parents were fined \$200, the herbalist \$150 and the chief tenant \$50 for failing to report the case and risking the lives of their neighbours.

The parents have certainly been severely punished for their folly; they have lost their daughter; they have paid a large sum for useless medicine and been fined heavily in the bargain. A Government spokesman pointed out yesterday.

Reaction To Foreign Affairs Statement

London, Dec. 23. The rebel Labourites today generally welcomed Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's foreign policy speech but withheld promise of carte blanche support pending further evidence that Britain actually has taken a middle road between capitalist United States and Communist Russia.

They regarded the speech as conciliatory to the Labour Party members who have been criticising Bevin for bringing Britain too closely with the United States while following a policy of firmness if not toughness toward Russia.

The Labour Party critics said Bevin's definition of British policy as that of finding "an approximation of the ideas between the great powers" and establishing harmony between them was what they had been advocating right along.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, one of the most vocal Labourite rebels in the House of Commons, said that "insofar as we move along on these lines we fully support the government. But we will not take words for deeds." He went on: "Mr. Bevin and his associates at the United Nations and the Foreign Ministers' meetings are to be congratulated on the successes they gained, but we must not mistake small measures for a decisive turn for the better."

Mr. R. H. S. Crossman, who led last month's revolt in the House of Commons against Bevin's foreign policy, could not be reached for comment, but other rebel members of Parliament generally agreed with Zilliacus. Some Labour Party sources said Bevin's speech was another step in an attempt to squelch once and for all criticism of his foreign policies.

The "News Chronicle" said Bevin will ask at the next meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, after the House convenes on Jan. 21, for a vote of confidence before he goes to Moscow for the Foreign Ministers' discussion of Germany.

Zilliacus said he believed he and most of his rebel associates would either vote against Bevin or abstain in the event of any such showdown vote. "We are not handing out blank cheques until we get more evidence that government actually is following a policy of equal cooperation with the United States and with Russia," he said.

Zilliacus said government has yet to reconcile its avowed policy with the Anglo-American military talks which, he charged, were designed against any war with Russia.

Still Skeptical—The Communist "Daily Worker" was the only morning newspaper to criticise Bevin's talk. It said "a serious facing up to the issues in dispute still is awaited."

"The Times" said Bevin gave "an effective answer" to his critics but reserved judgment whether the great powers have established the long sought for harmony.

"The skeptical world will need many proofs yet before it can accept this harmony as really established but if it can be established in present conditions it should have a better chance of survival than it had before."

"The Times" said—United Press.

ULTIMATUM TO U.S. WARSHIP

(Continued from Page 1) Commander Edgar L. Yates, commander of a task force of which the LCI 1090 is part. The Captain of the ship is Lieutenant (J.G.) Ray C. White.

The LCI 1090 is one of the smallest naval vessels suitable for the journey from the Seventh Fleet headquarters in Tsingtao to Dalen. It is a 348-ton vessel carrying a crew of five officers and 26 enlisted men. All the ship's armament was removed before the trip to Dalen was made.—United Press.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Benjamin Choi Lee, of the China Travel Service, and Miss Sylvia Han, of No. 24, Fung Fai Terrace, is announced.

Pope Calls For "Holy Union"

Vatican City, Dec. 23. Pope Pius, addressing tens of thousands of devout Catholics in historic Saint Peter's square, called for a "holy union" of all Christians to overcome "hostility" in the world.

The huge gathering, summoned by the church as a show of devotion to the Pontiff, in answer to a new wave of Italian anti-clericalism, cheered the Pope's appearance for 10 minutes in a series of thundering "vivas" which echoed through the colonnade of Christendom's largest church.

The Pope urged Christians everywhere to fight for and defend the faith.

The fight today, he said, is "for Christ or against Christ." Another great roar responded "for Christ."

No estimate is available on the size of the throng summoned to Mass by the deep-throated bells of Saint Peter's but the great Piazza, which can accommodate 200,000, was nearly full.—Associated Press.

Poppy Day Record

The results of the Remembrance Day fund collections on November 9, 10 and 11, 1946, are now complete and are given below. These constitute a record for Hong Kong, the previous best collection was in 1941 which has been easily bettered.

Subscriptions & Donations	\$26,617.50
Sale of Poppies	30,968.75
Sale of Wreaths	2,012.50
Cinema Show (the courtesy of King's Theatre)	1,504.20
Charity Football Match (the courtesy of Hong Kong Football Assoc.)	4,632.12
Total	\$66,135.12

Expenses—	
Cost of Poppies	\$2,146.50
Printing, Postage, Stationery	225.82
Total	\$2,372.32

1941 Collections not remitted	\$3,070.91
Total	\$63,064.77

Remitted—	
British Legion	
London £4,312.69	\$69,286.10
Scotland 1,076.19	\$17,296.59
Charges	11.49
Total	\$86,593.97

Balance carried forward to 1947 \$26.75 (Cheques were received for £10 which were remitted separately).

The Committee of the British Legion, Hong Kong and China Branch thank all helpers and contributors for their magnificent effort. From the list of helpers published in the Press the name of Messrs. N. Lazarus & Company was inadvertently omitted, for which omission the Committee tender their apology. Since the account was closed a donation (being the refund received from the Royal Naval Recreation Club for \$499.43 which is acknowledged with thanks.

MAHJONG SETS CASE

A fine of \$250 was imposed on William Chen by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday for exporting unmanifested cargo on board the s.s. Tjisadana.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded guilty on behalf of the defence. Mr. Humphreys, Revenue Officer, said that five bags containing 53 mahjong sets were not on the ship's manifest, and defendant claimed to be the owner.

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Retiring P.R.O. Feted

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Arabs Called On To Fight Jews

Jerusalem, Dec. 22. A call to Palestine Arabs to organize to battle the Jews was sounded today by Mohammed Nimer el Hawari, commander-in-chief of the Arab army—Najada.

Speaking at a meeting of the Najada—Home of whom were dressed in surplus United States Army uniforms and wearing medals for action in the Palestine revolt ten years ago—Hawari said the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, had asked Palestine Arabs to organize and fight.

Hawari told the Arabs that the Mufti, who is at present in Egypt, "wills that you organize yourselves to fight the Jews."

"The Mufti will give the signal when the hour comes," he told them. "We are now in a condition which is causing the Mufti grave concern. It can now be told that we have been deceived by the British and the Americans. Our enemies—the Jews—have acquired large areas of our land and continue to break the British blockade to smuggle thousands of illegal immigrants who later take up arms and join the underground, whose ultimate purpose is to fight us."

Money Mart

Chinese National Currency reopened after the week-end recess very quiet and weak, with futures quoted nominal at 60 cents per CN\$1,000. Spot improved a little and closed at 82½ cents after opening at 78 cents.

Gold was strong, with buyers offering up to \$320 a tael after opening at \$315. At the close it was \$318.

Piastres were uncertain, with opening rate at \$13.70 per 100. Fluctuations ranged from \$13.50 to \$15.75. Closing quotation was \$15.65.

U.S. dollars were strong at \$4.83 buyers. Sterling continued weak at \$15.25, but Australian pounds, on the other hand, appreciated to \$12.65.

Quotations on the Shanghai Market as cable by Associated Press:

Shanghai Exchange	
Buying	Selling
CNS	CNS
Gold per ounce	396,000 398,000
U.S. Dollar	7,500 7,700
H.K. Dollar	1,580 1,650
Closing	
Gold per ounce	362,000 364,000
U.S. Dollar	6,900 7,000
H.K. Dollar	1,350 1,450

GAOL RIOT SENTENCES

San Francisco, Dec. 22. A Federal Court jury returned a verdict of guilty and death for two Alcatraz federal prison convicts charged with murder in connection with the bloody uprising at the prison last May.

They are Miran E. Thompson, aged 29, Texas killer, found 99 years for killing a policeman and Sam Shockey, aged 36, of Oklahoma, kidnap slayer, found guilty but the jury recommend life imprisonment. He was already serving a 99-year sentence.

Five men were killed in the prison riot—two guards and three convicts.—Associated Press.

DAMAGED CAFE

Pleading guilty to a charge of malicious damage, Alexander Hamilton, 2nd Class Air Mechanic, H.M.S. "Nabuchadnezzar," was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$80 compensation to the Blue Peter Cafe, Nathan Road.

Henderson was charged with having maliciously damaged three chairs, four beer glasses, one radio glass panel and one front door glass panel.

An application was granted by the Magistrate, Mr. W. H. Lalimer, at Kowloon Court yesterday for the confiscation of a revolver and 11 rounds of ammunition wrested by a Chinese detective, Wu San, from three armed robbers who attempted to hold him up in Temple Street, near Ding Kun Street, on Dec. 11. The three men succeeded in escaping after losing the gun.

Maharaja's Visit

His Highness the Maharaja of Jodhpur, who was to have concluded his visit to Hong Kong yesterday, has decided to remain another few days in the Colony.

The "official" programme of receptions ended on Sunday when His Highness dined with the Commanding Officer Jodhpur Sirdar Infantry, Col. G. M. Gillan, and Mrs. Gillan, attended a tea reception given in his honour by the local Indian community, and, in the evening, a cocktail reception given in his honour by Subedar Major Bansi Ram and V.C.O.s of the Jodhpur Sirdar Infantry at Whitefield Barracks.

His Highness was accompanied by his brother, Major-General Maharaj Sir Ajit Singh, and members of his Staff. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lindsay, Col. and Mrs. G. M. Gillan, Col. and Mrs. G. J. Cruddas, and Officers and V.C.O.s of the Jodhpur Sirdar Infantry, the First Travancore Infantry and H.M.I.S. "Narbada."

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Sullivan, b Voce	0
Falton, lbw, b Hutton	0
Hamilton, not out	11
Extras	19

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Bowling: Voce four for 45, Pollard two for 62, Langridge two for 46, Hutton two for 4.

M.C.C.

Second Innings

Hutton, b Pickles	5
Washbrook, lbw, b Pickles	9
Fleishock, b Pickles	10
Hastings, b Sullivan	16
Compton, not out	75
Langridge, lbw, b Pickles	0
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1st. Benetnach Howard (Perry) 1:03.20, 2nd. Polaris (Wernham) 1:05.30, 3rd. Daphne Pettick (Week) 1:09.02.

Sunday afternoon

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Football Stars Made By Accident

M.C.C. Collapse

Newcastle, Dec. 23. The M.C.C. drew in their two day match with the New South Wales Country here.

In reply to the tourists' 395, the Country side scored 202 at the rate of one minute today, when Hammond did not enforce a follow on.

The crowd who waited to see the England side bat again had plenty of thrills before the closure came with the second innings score of 146 for six.

At one period it was 40 for six, there having been a complete collapse against Pickles' fast bowling and at one period he had four for 10.

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Scot Rugger Team

Glasgow, Dec. 22. After the fine form shown by the Rest XV against Scotland in the International trial match on Saturday, it is surprising that only two of the Rest XV are included in Scotland's team to play France in Paris on New Year's Day. They are T.P.L. McGlashan and L. M. Hunter and, with G. L. Cawwell, are the only new caps.

The biggest surprise is the choice of Ian Henderson as hooker. Although he played in all Scotland's games last season and was capped in 1939, he has never played hooker. He is the only pre-war cap in the team.

Although he did not play in the trial, G. M. Lumsden has been selected as stand-off. Scotland's team will be: K. Geddes; T. G. Jackson, G. W. Drummond, C. R. Bruce, W. D. MacLellan; G. M. Lumsden, A. W. Blake; T. P. L. McGlashan, Ian Henderson, A. G. Watt, G. L. Cawwell, J. M. Hunter, W. D. Elliot, D. W. Dean and John Orr.—Reuter.

RETURN BOUT

London, Dec. 22. Stan Hawthorne, North Shields contender for the British lightweight title, and Josef Preys, Belgian champion, will have a return fight over ten rounds at Newcastle on Jan. 9.

During November, Preys brought to an end the long series of Hawthorne's victories with a knockout decision in the sixth round.—Reuter.

K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent K.C.C. against Navy in a friendly cricket game at the K.C.C. Ground, London, on Dec. 26, at 11 a.m.: E. C. Finch (Capt.), R. E. Lee, F. C. Zimmermann, T. A. Madar, F. A. Broadbridge, D. Hung, C. I. Stapleton, L. R. Burch, F. J. Zimmermann and J. Fenton.

Reserve C. Tiernan, Umpire R. Leigh, Scorer T. W. Carr.

VICTORIA WIN

Melbourne, Dec. 23. Eight overs sufficed to finish off the Queensland tail-enders in the Sheffield Shield match here today when Victoria won by an innings and 132 runs.

Queensland's innings closed for 255, Mackay scoring 63. Johnston finished with the bowling figure of four for 44, 24 overs, six of which were maidens.—Reuter.